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1. TORONTO TABLOID SUNDAY SUN EDITORIAL JULY 17 HEADED
"SOME 'CHURCH*'" REFERRED TO RECENT U.S. GOVERNMENT
ACTIONS WITH CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY AND SEARCH FOR STOLEN
GOVERNMENT FILES IN WASHINGTON AND LOS ANGELES HEADQUARTERS.
EDITORIAL NOTED CONTROVERSIAL NATURE OF GROUP, WORLDWIDE
REACTIONS REGARDING GROUP AND CALLED ON ONTARIO ATTORNEY
GENERAL TO INVESTIGATE "HOW SCIENTOLOGY SEEMS TO USE THE
LAW, OR THE THREAT OF LAW SUITS, AS A MEANS OF INTIMIDATING
CRITICS." REFERRING TO VIEW OF SCIENTOLOGY FOUNDER
ROM HUBBARD THAT LAW SUITS PURPOSE "IS TO HARASS AND
DISCOURAGE RATHER THAN TO WIN," SUN EDITORIAL CONCLUDED
THAT "ATTORNEY GENERAL MCMURTRY SHOULDN'T BE COWED, BUT
SHOULD LOOK INTO WAYS OF CURBING THIS WEALTHY, AGGRESSIVE
QUASI-RELIGIOUS OUTFIT."

2. SEPARATE FEATURE ARTICLE IN PAPER PROVIDED
REVIEW OF RECENT FBI SEARCH FOR STOLEN DOCUMENTS
AND OF BACKGROUND IN ALLEGED EFFORTS BY SCIENTOLOGY
TO INFILTRATE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AND IRS. SUN
PRINTED LONG SERIES ON SCIENTOLOGY ABOUT SIX MONTHS AGO
FOLLOWING COURT ACTION STRIKING DOWN SCIENTOLOGY
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